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VARNA SHIPYARDS AND HARBORKoralovag Shipyard

1. The Koralovag Shipyard, subordinate to the Bulgarian Maritime Commission in Sofia, which in turn is subordinate to the Ministry of Railways, is located in Varna and engages in the repair of ships and the construction of small vessels (maximum 3,000 tons). It employs 3,000 workers under the direction of Atanasov (fmu), a Bulgarian from Varna. Many Soviet specialists were observed.
2. [redacted] the shipyard director [redacted] material such as iron plate, steel, and spun glass 25X1
[redacted] were in short supply.
3. [redacted] never heard of any plans for reinforced concrete vessels or of any constructions to be carried out on behalf of the Yugoslav Navy. There do not appear to have been any acts of sabotage.
4. The level of the whole shipyard area (streets and squares) was raised approximately 50 centimeters with rubble from the destruction of buildings. A new carpentry shop, occupying an area of approximately 1,200 square meters, was constructed at the yard [redacted]. Fourteen blocks of houses for the shipyard workers and office employees, each having 14 apartments, are under construction; some of these buildings have recently been completed. 25X1

Technical Directorate of the Naval Workshops

5. The offices of the Technical Directorate of the Naval Workshops are located in a 6-story building on the National Theater square. The first two floors of this building are occupied by the National Bank and the remainder of the building by the Technical Directorate. Both civilian personnel and military officers are employed.

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6. The Directorate is subordinate to the Directorate located at No. 2 Levski Street in Sofia, of which the Director General, Dimitir Slavov, an engineer, has been imprisoned for the past two months for political reasons. Slavov had worked in the old Varna Shipyard Directorate (Varnensko Morsko Uchilishche) for approximately 25 years.

The Port of Varna

7. The quays and moles of the port are in a good state of order and maintenance. Four or five cranes, as well as eight masonry warehouses, are located along the bank; four of the warehouses are along the quay and four are immediately behind the first row. These buildings are distinguished by number and have red tile roofs.

8. There are two rail lines along the quay toward the sea, and a third rail line runs between the first and second row of warehouses.

9. The quay, which is approximately 800 meters long, is equipped with water hydrants and three telephone posts for communication both between the port offices and the city of Varna.

10. The outer breakwater, which is six or eight meters wide and approximately 1,000 meters long, is constructed of concrete and stone blocks. It is accessible to anyone.

11. Concerning traffic in the port [redacted] two Soviet steamships, one of which was the GENERAL BUDYENNI were in the port. The BUDYENNI was unloading iron, pipes, iron rods, crates of motors, and various machinery for the construction of Dimitrovgrad, while the second ship unloaded threshing machines.

12. Port traffic is moderate and is carried out by Turkish coastal cargo vessels. This trade is carried out under the provisions of the Bulgarian-Turkish commercial treaty.

The Maritime Transport Directorate

13. The Upravlenieto na Morskiti Transport (Maritime Transport Directorate) is located in a 4-story building, 15 by 20 meters in size, "eternit" roof, which is 80-100 meters from the second row of port warehouses. Only military personnel are employed. Allegedly, the port captain's offices are also located in this building.

14. The Directorate is subordinate to the General Directorate in Sofia, of which the director general is Nikola Kulakov, the son of Vasili Kulakov who was condemned at the same time as Petrov.

Despred Maritime Agency

15. The Despred Maritime Agency is located in a building between the port warehouses and the building of the Maritime Transport Directorate. It employs a director and approximately 100 office workers, many of whom are women.

Electricity in the Port and Miscellaneous Information

16. There are two transformer stations in the port area. One of the transformers is used exclusively for the supplying of electricity to the near-by railroad station.

17. Drinking water comes from the Deven springs where an electric plant is now under construction.

18. There are coal depots in the area north of the shipyards.

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19. A guard tower 15-20 meters high, located at the beginning of the outer breakwater, overlooks the port zone. A firemen's lookout post is located at the tower.
20. The whole port zone is enclosed by a wall two meters high; the Maritime Directorate is located outside the wall. The railroad zone is separated from the port zone by an iron gate through which only railroad cars are allowed to pass. The fire-house and the Militia office are located in the railroad zone.
21. A footbridge crosses the rail sidings between the Naval Workshops and the railroad zone. A guard is stationed at the shipyard end of this bridge.
22. Three or four tugboats were noted in the harbor.
23. The Shipyards are allegedly equipped with a floating drydock.

OTHER BULGARIAN BLACK SEA PORTSSveti Konstantin

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24. The military port of Sveti Konstantin is located northeast of Varna.

[redacted]
the DURZKI and KHRABRI gunboats and two torpedoboats. These old boats had not changed their names and still conform to the pictures in the Annuario della Marina del 1942 and the 1949-1950 Jane's Fighting Ships.

25. There is a small military Naval workshop (for small repairs) which employs approximately 100 workers. A radio station is located in a wooded area south of the military port of Sveti Konstantin in the direction of Varna. Two iron antennas (supported), 20 to 25 meters high, are easily visible. A small brick building may be seen between the two antennas.
26. Five or six wood and masonry barracks, located 50 meters from the railroad station, serve partly as barracks for the Naval personnel and partly for the radio station personnel.

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Balchik

28. [redacted] the port of Balchik is used by military vessels, but did not know whether these are Bulgarian or Soviet ships.
29. [redacted] an airfield with a concrete runway approximately 1,800 meters long was completed.

Coastal Defenses

30. On the coast at a point approximately two kilometers from Sveti Konstantin in the direction of Varna, [redacted] 12 guns (caliber unknown) at 30-35 meter intervals.

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31. The area immediately in front of these positions, six or seven meters above the water level and 35 meters inland, is enclosed by a barbed wire fence. There is a short opening in the fence through which the asphalt coastal road passes. [redacted] 25X1 did not know how this area is delineated on the inland side. There are very few trees in this area.
32. There are artillery emplacements (caliber unknown) located in the garden of the former Royal Palace of Varna, on an elevation 50-60 meters above the sea.

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33. [redacted] the area from the former bathing beach of the Kozyadgrad area for a distance of approximately 12 kilometers in the direction of Cape Emine was a military zone. [redacted] many emplacements (caliber and number of guns unknown) 40 meters from the sea at a location two and one-half kilometers south of Kozyadgrad, approximately 90 meters beyond which were barracks. The guns and personnel at the emplacements are Soviet. The entire area is enclosed by a barbed wire entanglement, [redacted] searchlights and photoelectric apparatus. 25X1

Cape Emine [redacted]

34. This port is completely in Soviet hands, and access is prohibited both from land and sea.

Nesebur [redacted]

35. Nesebur furnishes anchorage for fishing boats and coastal cargo ships.

Chimovo [redacted]

36. Chimovo is a Bulgarian military port located nine kilometers south of Nesebur. It has two or three small-capacity cranes of very old construction, a small repair yard, and a coal depot.

Pomorie (the beach)

37. [redacted] this was a Soviet zone; it is now free. 25X1

Burgas [redacted]

38. The whole port zone of Burgas is controlled by the Soviets. [redacted] many Army personnel and a few Navy personnel. 25X1

39. There is a naval repair yard at Burgas. [redacted] The workers are Bulgarians but the directors and technicians are Soviet engineers. 25X1 On the caps of the workers, technicians, etc., [redacted] an anchor interwoven with two flags and surmounted by a star. 25X1

40. In the port zone, there are at least six concrete warehouses, two of which are of recent construction.

41. The entire port zone is crossed by a railroad line.

42. [redacted] a Soviet merchant vessel unloading motor vehicles 25X1 (approximately 40), Molotov and Stalinets type tractors with conveyor belts approximately 30 meters long for loading and unloading, and two pumps for carrying liquid cement. This equipment was all destined for the Batak zone (inland).

43. The island of Sveti Anastas is a military zone occupied by Soviets. The following enterprises are located on this island: a large coal mine, a small repair yard, and a quarry.

a. A coal mine;

b. A small repair yard for ships adjacent to the mine; and

c. A rock quarry.

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